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"Miners Meeting at Gold Hill"

At a Meeting of the Miners of Gold Hill held on Saturday June 11th 1859, J. G. Hammack was appointed Chairman and V. A. Houseworth Secretary.

The Chairman briefly explained the object of the Meeting after which Judge Crane in a brief and explicit speech gave an account of his labors and exertions as Delegate of Nevada to Congress.

On Motion of V. A. Houseworth it was unanimously resolved that we fully endorse the Citizens proceedings of Carson City of June 6th

On Motion of D. S. Tuttle it was unanimously resolved that the Chair appoint five Delegates to the Carson City Central Committee, on June 20th to apportion the number of the Delegates to be elected by the people to the Convention to be held at Genoa Carson Valley on the 4th day of July ensuing to consider the [illegible]

The Chair appointed, V. A. Houseworth, J. A. Coburn, [illegible] [illegible] and Capt A. A. [illegible] as said Delegates.

It was unanimously resolved, that we the Miners of Gold Hill in demonstration of respect to Judge Crane for his many and distinguished services as Delegate to Congress entitle him to our highest consideration.

The following preamble rules and regulations were unanimously adopted;

Whereas, The isolated position we occupy far from all legal tribunals, and cut off from the fountains of Justice which every American Citizen should enjoy, renders it necessary, that we organize a body politic for our mutual protection against the lawless, and for meting out Justice between Man and Man;

Therefore, we the Citizens of Gold Hill and Vicinity do hereby agree to adopt the following rules and laws for our government.

Article 1st. There shall be elected one Justice of the Peace, one Constable and one Recorder of this District for the term of Six Months.

Article 2nd. The duty of the Justice shall be to issue all Subpoenas, Summons, warrants, attachments, &c. as may be required to try all Civil and Criminal Cases, and award such judgments as the evidence of the case, or the decision of the Jury may require.

Article 3rd. The duty of the Constable shall be to serve all precepts emanating from the Court, keep in custody all Prisoners for Crimes or Misdemeanors until convicted or acquitted, act as a Conservator of the peace and inflict all penalties that may be awarded against offenders.

Article 4th. The duty of the Recorder shall be to keep in a well bound book a record of all Mining Claims that may be presented for record with the names of the parties locating or purchasing, the number of feet, where situated and the date of location or purchase, also return a certificate for said claim or claims.

Rules and Regulations

Section 1st. Any person who shall wilfully and with Malice aforethought take the life of any person, shall upon being duly convicted thereof suffer the penalty of death by hanging.

Section 2nd. Any person who shall wilfully wound or maim another shall upon conviction thereof suffer such penalty as the Jury may determine.

Section 3rd. Any person found guilty of robbery or theft shall upon conviction be punished with stripes or banished, as the Jury may determine.

Section 4th. Any person found guilty of assault and battery, or exhibiting deadly weapons in a threatening manner shall upon conviction be fined or banished as the Jury may determine.

Sec. 5th. No banking game under any consideration shall be allowed in this District under the penalty of fine banishment from the District.

Sec. 6th. The same fees shall be allowed to the Justices and Constables as those allowed in California, the fees to be paid by the parties litigant and the Cost by the Laws as laid down in the California Statutes so far as applicable.

Sec. 7th. Evidence of a record of claims shall be considered title in preference to claims that are not recorded nor shall the Recorder record more than one hill by such a same claim in the name of an individual unless the same has been purchased.

Sec. 8th. All claims shall be properly defined by a stake at each end of the claim with the number of members forming said Company and the number of feet owned.

Sec. 9th. All claims shall be worked or the Notice renewed in the sixty days from the day of record, and no claim shall exceed two hundred feet square, hill claims excepted which may be reduced to fifty feet front.

Sec. 10th. The Recorder shall be allowed the sum of twenty five cents for recording the claim of each individual or member of a Company.

Sec. 11th. No Chinaman shall be allowed to hold a claim in this District.

Sec. 12th. This District shall include all of the territory from the Meridian of John Town to Steamboat Valley.

Sec. 13th. All Quartz Claims shall not exceed three hundred feet in Length including the dips and spurs.

Sec. 14th. Any person or persons discovering a Quartz vein shall be entitled to one extra claim on all veins he or they may discover.

Sec. 15th. All persons holding Quartz Claims shall actually work to the amount of $15 to the share within thirty days from the time of locating.

Sec. 16th. All persons holding Quartz Claims and complying with Section 15th shall hold the same for the term of 15 months as actual property.

Sec. 17th. All Quartz Claims shall be duly recorded within thirty days from the time of Locating.

Sec. 18th. No person shall locate more than one claim on a vein discovered.

Sec. 19th. Any and all persons locating for Mining purposes shall have the same duly recorded within ten days from the time of locating.

Sec. 20th. "**Resolved**" That the above rules and regulations shall be signed by the Citizens of this District and all who may locate hereafter.

On Motion it was unanimously "resolved" that the proceedings of this Meeting be published in the "Territorial Enterprise" in Carson Valley.

J. A. Osborn was duly elected Justice of the Peace.
Jas. F. Rogers Constable
V. A. Houseworth Recorder.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned
A. G. Cammack Chairman
V. A. Houseworth Secretary.

Laws of Gold Hill District.

Sunday, February 20th 1860

At a meeting of the Miners of Gold Hill District on Motion Mr. J. C. Mills was called to the Chair, and J. A. West appointed Secretary.

The Chairman briefly stated the object of the Meeting.

On Motion, that a Committee of five be appointed to draft a revised Code of Laws,

The following persons were appointed said Committee, J. C. Mills, Dr. Winter, Edwd. C. Morse, H. Clark and J. A. West.

On Motion that the Committee be allowed one week to report.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned until Sunday March 11th.

Sunday March 11th 1860

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment.
The Committee appointed to revise the Mining Laws of Gold Hill District, would respectfully submit the following;

This District shall be bounded as follows, to wit, On the East by the Devils Gate District, on the North by Virginia District on the West by Washoe District and on the South by Carson District
The lines to be established by the several Districts by mutual agreement.

Section 1. No person shall be entitled to hold more than one claim on any one quartz lead by location.

Section 2. All quartz claims hereafter located shall not exceed two hundred feet in length including all dips, spurs and, angles.

Sec 3. Any person or persons discovering a quartz lead shall be entitled to one claim in addition for such discovery.

Sec 4. All quartz claims shall be duly recorded within five days from the time of location.

Sec 5. All persons locating quartz claims shall define by a stake at each end of the claim where the Ledge is visible giving the names forming said Company and the number of feet claimed.

Sec 6. Any person or persons locating quartz claims when the Ledge is not visible shall be required to set his or their notice as near as possible to said claim or claims until the ledge shall be defined giving the names forming said Company as in Section 5th.

Sec 7. All persons holding quartz claims shall work to the amount of three days for each claim in each and every month on said claim or claims or work to the amount of Fifty dollars which shall hold said claim for the term of six months.

Sec 8. No person shall be allowed more than one claim in any one gulch, ravine or hill unless by purchase.

Sec 9. All ravine or gulch claims shall not exceed one hundred feet square each, hill claims excepted, which may be reduced to fifty feet front.

Sec 10. All hill, ravine or gulch claims shall be recorded within five days from the time of Location, Each claim or claims shall be defined by a stake at each corner with the names of the person or persons forming said Company.

Sec 11. All surface claims shall be worked within ten days after there is sufficient water to successively work said claims.

Sec 12. There shall be a Recorder elected to hold his office during the pleasure of the Miners.

Sec 13. The duty of the Recorder shall be to keep in a well bound book a record of all Mining Claims that may be presented for record with the names of the parties locating or purchasing with the number of feet claimed where situated and the date of location or purchase also return a Certificate of record of said claim or claims giving the book and page of said record.

Sec 14. The Recorder shall be required to go upon the ground and place the stakes and notices on the claims as in Section 5th and 6th, and for such services shall be paid 75 cents per claim.

Sec 15. The Recorder shall not record any claim or claims that is already recorded and unforfeited according to the laws of this District.

Sec 16. No Chinaman shall be allowed to hold a claim in this District.

Sec 17. All claims located under the old law shall become subject to the revised law after the expiration of three months from this date as to the working of said claim or claims.

Sec 18. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep the books of record in a safe place and allow the public to examine them in his presence.

Sec 19. That the laws as adopted shall go into effect from this 11th day of March A.D. 1860.

On Motion that the proceedings of this Meeting be published in the Territorial Enterprise.

John C. Miller President

J. A. West Secretary

Miners Meeting

Pursuant to a call published in the Gold Hill News, a Meeting of the Miners of the District was held at Theater Hall Gold Hill, Wednesday Evening October 8th 1873.

The Meeting was called to order by H. G. Maynard Esqr and upon motion **Judge S. H. Robinson** was duly elected Chairman and **John R. White** appointed Secretary.

The Chair stated the object of the Meeting to be to revise and amend the District Mining Laws so as to accord with the Act of Congress in relation to the Location of Mining Claims and in a few appropriate remarks showed the points of difference and the advisability of a change.

After some little discussion between members at the meeting the following Amendments to the District Mining Laws were offered and unanimously adopted.

Amendments to the Gold Hill District Mining Laws.

1st. Section 9 of the Gold Hill District Mining Laws is hereby amended to read as follows;

All surface or placer claims located may be in extent, but shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed by Act of Congress entitled "An Act to promote the development of the Mining resources of the United States" Approved May 10 1872.

2nd. All sections of the Gold Hill Mining District Laws in conflict with the provisions of the Act of Congress above recited are hereby repealed.

On Motion a Committee of five consisting of **John C. Mills, H. G. Maynard, H. Fitzsimmons, A. Fleming** and **S. H. Robinson** were appointed to fully examine the District Laws and determine the necessity of any further amendments with discretionary power to call a Meeting at any time within a period of thirty days.

Resolved That the proceedings of this Meeting be published in the Gold Hill News.

Resolved, That a copy of the Amendments to the District Laws be filed with the County Recorder of Storey County Nevada.

The Meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the Committee.

S. H. Robinson
President

J. C. White
Secretary